

Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) plans to increase the number of night flights

A night flight is one which either takes off or lands between the hours of 11pm and 7am.

LBA have recently put forward proposals to address the issue of them exceeding the permitted number of night flights by over 750 during summer 2022. You may have seen coverage in the YEP, ITV Calendar or BBC Look North in recent days.

The main proposals would allow so called 'quieter' planes not to be counted as night flights as would be any delayed planes arriving or leaving before 1am. These changes are significant and would leave the door open to many more night time flights resulting in additional noise and air pollution.

Alarmingly, LBA are trying to push through the changes using a 'Certificate of Lawful Development' which if successful would exclude the public and democratically elected councillors from making any comments on their proposals. It even excludes the public from seeing any of the information supplied to the council.

In a nutshell - LBA have been caught breaking the rules so now they want to change the rules.

If you are concerned about these proposals and the way in which LBA is attempting to get them passed then please write to the following as a matter of urgency.

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Many thanks
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